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Letter dated 19 November 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the letter dated 10 November 2004 from Borislav Paravac, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 19 November 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In direct conversations with the highest European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) representatives during 2004, and in the letter of 13 October 2004 addressed to the United Nations Security Council President, the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina expressed its position on and support of the transfer from the NATO Stabilization Force (SFOR) to the EU-led mission (EUFOR) as well as to the continuation of NATO presence in Bosnia and Herzegovina (NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo).

In regard to the status of the EU-led mission (EUFOR) and the continuation of the NATO presence in Bosnia and Herzegovina (NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo), the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina fully agrees to the same competencies, rights, immunity, privileges and capacities as the ones that used to be applied to SFOR and during the NATO presence, the same way to be applied to EUFOR, as set forth in the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (annex 1-A and annex 2) and in the respective Security Council resolutions (1031 (1995), 1088 (1996) and 1551 (2004)). This means that the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina fully accepts EUFOR and NATO as the legal successors of the NATO-SFOR mission and mandate.

In accordance with the NATO Istanbul summit recommendations and agreements reached with the NATO and EU representatives, the future missions (EUFOR and NATO) will be offered our unreserved support and cooperation on a partnership basis.

We are confident that the future EUFOR and NATO missions will significantly improve the results in defence and security sector reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina, provide the prerequisites and conditions for Bosnia and Herzegovina's joining the Partnership for Peace and prepare the local institutions and forces for taking on the responsibility for these issues.

Finally, we believe that the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be consulted and regularly informed on the duration of the EUFOR and NATO missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.